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SUBJ: VISIT OF SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY S. DILLON RIPLEY
TO NEPAL

REF: STATE 016474

1. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT OF SECRETARY AND MRS. RIPLEY TO NEPAL FEBRUARY 24 MARCH 2 (REFTEL AND LETTERS POUCHED TO NEPAL DESK). VISITING NEPAL AT ABOUT SAME TIME (APPARENTLY FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 4) WILL BE MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CHARLES, FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, WHO ARE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THE RIPLEYS.

2. PLEASE TELL SECRETARY RIPLEY THAT AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED HIS JANUARY 19 LETTER AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT AND TO HAVING SECRETARY AND MRS. RIPLEY AS GUESTS AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE. AMBASSADOR MUCH APPRECIATES SECRETARY RIPLEY'S SUGGESTION THAT THE CARGOS MIGHT JOIN THE RIPLEYS IN A VISIT TO THE SMITHSONIAN TIGER PROJECT IN CHITWAN AND, IF SCHEDULE AT THAT TIME PERMITS, WILL GLADLY DO SO. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MESSAGE FROM SIMONS OF SMITHSONIAN TO SUNQUIST, WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS AT TIGER TOPS FOR THE RIPLEYS AND CHARLESSES, LEAVING KATHMANDU ON FEBRUARY 29 AND RETURNING ON MARCH 1. PLEASE ASK SECRETARY RIPLEY WHAT DAYS HE EXPECTS TO BE IN KATHMANDU AND NAMES OF ANY NEPALESE PERSONALITIES HE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO SEE. LET HIM KNOW THAT EMBASSY WILL BE GLAD TO MAKE ANY OTHER ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS THAT HE MIGHT WISH IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT.

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3. ALSO IN ACCORDANCE WITH SIMONS MESSAGE TO SUNQUIST, WE

HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR THE CHARLESES FOR THE NIGHTS OF
FEBRUARY 25 AND MARCH 1 THROUGH 3 AT HOTEL MALLA (ANNAPURNA
NOT AVAILABLE). PLEASE ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE ARE ANY OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS DESIRED BY MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WHICH EMBASSY
CAN HELP WITH. CARGO

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